



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT CONFERENCE

“Pathways to Justice for Native American Children”

Silver Star at the Pearl River Resort - Choctaw, MS
August 10, 2017

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast Silver Star Convention Center

8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony

INVOCATION

*Harold “Doc” Comby, Deputy Director of Internal Operations,
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians*

COLOR GUARD

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

UNITED STATE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Presented in the Choctaw Language

NATIVE AMERICAN HOOP DANCER

Lyndon Alec

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

*Chief Phyliss J. Anderson,
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians*

*Dr. David Chandler, Commissioner
Department of Child Protection Services*

9:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Hon. Holly Peters, Judge, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Sheldon Spotted Elk, JD, Director Indian Child Welfare Programs
Casey Family Programs*

10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:45 a.m.

ICWA BASICS and ETHICS Part I

Tom Lidot, (Chilkat Tlingit) Lead Consultant for Tribal STAR
(Successful Transitions for Adult Readiness)

Rose-Margaret Orrantia (Yaqui), Tribal STAR Consultant

12:00 noon

LUNCH - Neshoba Buffet

1:00 p.m.

ICWA BASICS and ETHICS Part II

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2:15 p.m.

BREAK

2:30 p.m.

ICWA LANDMARK CASES and ETHICAL GUIDELINES

Angel Smith, Supreme Court Justice for Pawnee Nation and an
Appellate Justice for other tribes. (Angel is a sixth generation
registered tribal citizen of the Cherokee Nation.)

4:00 p.m.

SHARING THE MBCI CULTURE

Harold "Doc" Comby, Deputy Director of Internal Operations,
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Hilda Nickey, Vice Chief of Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Kendall Grisham, Business Administrator Choctaw Ikhana, Inc.

4:30 p.m.

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